

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, is respectfully requested. Claims 15-16, 18 and 27-29 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14, 23, 25 and 30-34 were previously canceled. Claims 17 and 19-26 are cancelled herewith.

I. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 15 and 29 are amended for clarity. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15-22, 24, and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, it is the Examiner's position that claim 15 was unclear in the recitation of "including a targeting nucleic acid sequence at least 10 nucleotides in length..." Office Action, page 3. Claim 15 has been amended to clarify the subject matter claimed. In addition, claim 29 is amended to correct the recited dependency. The amendments obviate the current rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4341.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
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